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SUBJECT: REPORTED EGYPTIAN OCCUPATION OF LIBYAN TOWN

REF: TUNIS 2107 AND 2108

1. DURING MY LONG TALK YESTERDAY (REFTELS) WITH PRIME MINISTER HEDI NOUIRA HE TOLD ME HE HAD JUST BEEN INFORMED THAT EGYPTIAN MILITARY FORCES HAD MOVED ACROSS THE LIBYAN FRONTIER AT ONE POINT SEVERAL DAYS AGO AND WERE OCCUPYING A LIBYAN VILLAGE ABOUT TEN KILOMETERS FROM THE BORDER. HE HASTILY ADMITTED THAT HE COULD NOT BE SURE OF RELIABILITY OF THE REPORT AND THEN ASKED IF WE HAD ANYTHING TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION.

2 I TOLD HIM I HAD SEEN NOTHING ON THE MATTER AND ASKED IF HE COULD SPECIFY THE NAME OF THE VILLAGE OR AT LEAST WHETHER IT WAS NIN CYRENAICA OR THE FEZZAN. HE WAS UNABLE

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TO CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING FURTHER. I PROMISED I WOULD PASS HIS INFORMATION ALONG WITH THE RESERVATIONS HE HAD PUT UPON IT AND LET HIM KNOW IF WE PRODUCED ANY CONFIRMATION OF IT.

3. COMMENT: PRESSURE BY EGYPT ON LIBYA'S EASTERN FRONTIER AT THIS JUNCTURE WOULD CREATE A WELCOME DIVERSION OF QADHAFI'S

ATTENTION FROM HIS LATEST ROUND OF SABRE-RATTLING AT
TUNISIA. CLOSURE OF THE LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN BORDER TWO DAYS
AGO AND TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS THAT QADHAFI HAS MOVED HIS
"HEADQUARTERS" TO TOBRUK COULD BE TIED IN WITH THE REPORT
MENTIONED BY NOUIRA, IF IT PROVES TO HAVE SUBSTANCE TO IT.

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